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| Title      | : | REMEDIES FOR NEUROPATHIC PAIN AND |                        |
|            | : | MODEL ANIMALS OF NEUROPATHIC PAIN |                        |

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**RESPONSE**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2004.

The Applicants acknowledge that the previous requirement dated July 9, 2004 has been vacated and a new restriction requirement has been applied. In particular, the Applicants acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 9, and Group II, including Claims 5 and 6. The Applicants hereby elect Group I, including Claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 9, without traverse.

The Applicants also acknowledge the requirement for election of species. In that regard, the Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful comments concerning selection of

each of R, A and B groups from the groups set forth in the elected claims. The Applicants hereby elect as follows:

R1: a cycloalkyl group having 4 to 7 carbon atoms  
R2: a hydroxy group  
R3: a hydroxy group  
A: -XC(=Y)-  
X: NR4  
Y: O  
R4: a straight alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms  
B: a straight acyclic unsaturated hydrocarbon containing one double bond and having 2 to 14 carbon atoms  
R5: 3-furanyl  
R6, R7: -O-  
R8: hydrogen

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of elected Claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 9 read on the species elected above. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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